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JANUARY 30, 1978 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 1978 (GFTA-75-8001)
REPORT NO. 3, PHASE I-78.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR THE
SUBJECT WEEK HAVE BEEN COMPILED AND OUTLINED BELOW:

ERADICATION JAN 30/FEB 5

U.S. ZONE #S: I II III TOTAL
MEXICAN ZONE #S: 5/9 3/4 1/2

A. POPPY FIELDS 1,178 38 81 1,297
(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 4,299)
B. HECTARES 100.76 1.53 1.74 104.03
(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 406.09)

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C. MARIHUANA 9 1 3 13
(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 518)
D. HECTARES .59 1.0 .72 2.31
(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 71.82)
E. MIXED FIELDS 4 0 0 4
(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 20)
F. HECTARES .11 0 0 .11

(CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR - 4.11)

INTERDICTION JAN 30/FEB 5

	THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
A. KG. HEROIN	1.15	27.249
B. KG. OPIUM	4.6	15.420
C. KG. POPPY SEEDS	2.0	6.2
D. HEROIN LABS	1	3
E. KG. COCAINE	.5	2.140
F. KG. MARIHUANA	45,865.5	91,724
G. KG. MARIHUANA SEEDS	20.2	320.95
H. KG. HASHISH	2.65	2.65
I. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	0
J. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	124	480,773
K. ARRESTS-MEXICAN	131	445
L. ARRESTS-USA	3	7
M. ARRESTS-OTHER	1	7
N. VEHICLES	28	78
O. WEAPONS	33	187
P. AMMUNITION	754	4,456
Q. PESOS	63,310	84,510
R. DOLLARS	5,870	5,870
S. AIRCRAFT	0	5

2. 1297 POPPY FIELDS WERE SPRAYED DURING THE FIFTH WEEK OF 1978 AS COMPARED WITH 2,423 POPPY FIELDS SPRAYED DURING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FIFTH WEEK OF 1977. THOSE FIGURES REPRESENT A 46 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS SPRAYED DURING COMPARABLE TIME PERIODS. 104.03 HECTARES WERE SPRAYED DURING THE FIFTH WEEK OF 1978 AS COMPARED WITH 445.92 HECTARES SPRAYED DURING THE FIFTH WEEK OF 1977. THAT IS A DECREASE OF 77 IN TERMS OF AREA SPRAYED.

3. THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM COMPLETED ITS SECOND WEEK ON FEBRUARY 7, 1978. DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS, 155 RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WERE REPORTED. DEA OBSERVERS ACCOMPANIED 116 (75) OF THOSE FLIGHTS. DEA PERSONNEL ALSO PARTICIPATED IN 5 ERADICATION AND SUPPORT FLIGHTS.

4. ALL OF THE FLIGHTS DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS COVERED SECTORS IN OR ADJACENT TO THE TARGET ZONES. THE NUMBER OF SECTORS WITH POPPY FIELDS, THE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE SECTORS, AND THE NUMBER OF FIELDS THEMSELVES ARE LISTED BELOW:

	#SECTORS WITH FIELDS	#FIELDS	#NEGATIVE SECTORS
ZONE I	31	1,330	11
ZONE II	10	69	35

ZONE III	8	184	22
TOTAL	49	1,583	68

5. ALSO LISTED ARE THE SPECIFIC SECTORS IN WHICH FIELDS WERE LOCATED, THE NUMBER OF FIELDS IN EACH SECTOR, AND THE SPECIFIC SECTORS IN WHICH NO FIELDS WERE LOCATED:

POSITIVE SECTORS:

	SECTOR	#OF FIELDS	SECTOR	#OF FIELDS
ZONE I	48	23	81	26
	49	6	82	8
	50	3	83	26

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ZONE II 140	1	173	16
155	8	189	4
170	1	199	1
171	26	214	2
172	7	230	1

ZONE III 247 4 257 12

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249	14	258	58
252	67	268	6
253	17	294	6

NEGATIVE SECTORS:

ZONE I 15	26	53	77
23	27	54	142
25	52	66	-

ZONE II 141	174	195	217
143	175	200	218
154	186	201	231
156	187	203	232

SECTOR	#OF FIELDS	SECTOR	#OF FIELDS
ZONE II 156	187	203	232
157	188	144	235
158	190	197	244
159	191	202	245
160	192	215	248
169	193	216	-

ZONE III 246	269	280	290
250	270	278	298
254	271	279	299
255	274	286	273
256	275	287	-
267	276	288	-

6. NUMEROUS SECTORS IN WHICH RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE BECAUSE HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENTED THE PLANES FROM COMPLETING THE SECTOR. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF ZONE III.

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7. THE INFORMATION USED TO COMPILE THE ABOVE LISTS HAS

BEEN TAKEN FROM DEA FLIGHT REPORTS, GOM TELETYPES PERTAINING TO THE RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM, AND GOM NARRATIVE REPORTS. A CAMPAIGN MAP MAINTAINED BY THE GOM INDICATES THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF POPPY FIELDS IN 14 SECTORS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR IN THE ABOVE SOURCES. THOSE SECTORS ARE LISTED BELOW:

	POSITIVE SECTORS	NEGATIVE SECTORS
ZONE I	79	24 36
-	35	38
ZONE II	198	219 233
	213	220 234
ZONE III	-	251 -

8. AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO COMPARE THE FINDINGS OF LAST YEAR'S RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM WITH THIS YEAR'S. SPECIFICALLY COMPARABLE STATISTICS ARE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO PROGRAM CHANGES, BUT A GENERAL COMPARISON CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE FOLLOWING FIGURES. DURING THE FIRST 14 DAYS OF LAST YEAR'S CAMPAIGN (JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 7) RECONNAISSANCE LOCATED 2,705 POPPY FIELDS. DURING THE FIRST 14 DAYS OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN (JANUARY 25 TO FEBRUARY 7) JOINT DEA/GOM RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS LOCATED 1,583 POPPY FIELDS. THOSE FIGURES REPRESENT A 42 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS LOCATED.

9. THE ABOVE COMPARISON MUST BE TEMPERED BY A LACK OF STATISTICS CONCERNING THE ACTUAL AREA COVERED AND MAN

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HOURS FLOWN IN LAST YEAR'S CAMPAIGN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS YEAR'S RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY COVERED ALL OF THE PRIMARY GROWING AREAS LOCATED LAST YEAR.

10. AN EFFORT HAS ALSO BEEN MADE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS YEAR'S ERADICATION PROGRAM IS KEEPING PACE WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT. TO THAT END THE RECONNAISSANCE AND ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR EACH ZONE ARE COMPARED BELOW.

THE TIME PERIOD COVERED IS JANUARY 25, 1978 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 1978.

	NO. OF FIELDS LOCATED BY RECONNAISSANCE:		NO. OF FIELDS ERA- DICATED BY GOM:
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ZONE I	1,330	-	2,087
ZONE II	69	-	78

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ZONE III	184	-	111
OTHER	0	-	74

TOTAL	1,583	-	2,350
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11. IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION AMONG DEA OBSERVERS IN THE FIELD THAT (1) THERE ARE FEWER POPPY FIELDS IN THE TRADITIONAL GROWING AREAS OF MEXICO THIS YEAR, AND (2) THE RECONNAISSANCE AND ERADICATION PROGRAMS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT FAIRLY EFFICIENTLY BY THE GOM. IF THERE ARE, IN FACT, FEWER FIELDS THIS YEAR, THE DECREASE IS CURRENTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE IMPACT OF THE ONGOING ERADICATION CAMPAIGN AND A WIDESPREAD DROUGHT WHICH HAS ALSO AFFECTED LEGITIMATE CROPS THIS YEAR IN MEXICO.

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